



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**Patent and Trademark Office**

Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

7/1

AT

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
08/994,758	12/19/97	NISHI	K XA-7889A-RE

NELSON H. SHAPIRO  
VORYS, STATER, SEYMOUR AND PEASE LLP  
1828 L STREET, N.W.  
ELEVENTH FLOOR  
WASHINGTON DC 20036-5109

MM92/0906

EXAMINER	
MATHEWS, A	
ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER

2851

DATE MAILED: 09/06/00

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

# Office Action Summary

Application No.  
08/994,758

Applicant(s)  
NISHI

Examiner  
Alan Mathews

Group Art Unit  
2851



☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on May 11, 2000 and May 22, 2000 and June 22, 2000.

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 1 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

## Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-187 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

☒ Claims 1-187 are subject to <sup>a multiplicity</sup> restriction or election requirement.

## Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

## Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

--- SEE OFFICE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES ---

Part of Paper No. 19

Application/Control Number: 08/994,758

Art Unit: 2851

### DETAILED ACTION

1. Claim 1-187 are rejected under 37 U.S.C. §1.75(b) and M.P.E.P 2173.05(n) as being unduly multiplied. The claims, as written, are redundant. In view of the excessive number of claims which differ only in minor wording, the applicant shall be limited to a total of 125 claims, with 25 being independent, to hereinafter describe the invention.

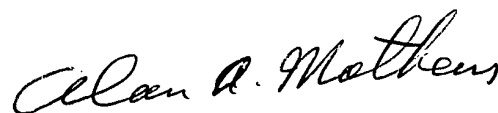
Examination of this application is deferred until applicant selects a number of claims in accordance with the above requirement.

- 2 Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Alan Mathews at telephone number (703) 308-1706. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Eastern Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Russ, Adams, can be reach on (703) 308-2847. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-34[31,32]. Any inquiry of a general nature or related to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

AAM

September 5, 2000



Alan A. Mathews  
Primary Examiner